

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 31-38 and 46 are currently pending in this application. Applicants have amended Claim 31, added new Claim 46, canceled Claims 39-45 by the present amendment, and previously canceled Claims 1-30.

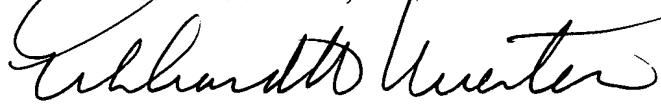
In the outstanding Office Action, the amendment filed September 24, 2004 was considered non-compliant because it failed to meet the requirement of 37 CFR §1.121, which requires a complete listing of the claims.

Accordingly, a complete listing of all of the claims is now present.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment listing all of the claims, no further issues are outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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